Shown in the above photo are some of the people attending Homecoming Day at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Joy Davis, Rev. Charles Addington, Rev. Clarence Davis, Rebecca Addington and Martha Addington; 1st row standing, left to right, Mrs. Watt Abbitt, Mr. Watt Abbitt, Mrs. Thelma Franklin, Mrs. Phoebe McGill, Mr. George Abbitt; and on back row, left to right, Mr. Alfred Bryant, Mr. James Franklin, Mr. Herbert Abbitt, Mr. Willie Bryant, Mrs. Shirley O'Brien, and Dr. Bill Trimyer.

New Hope Homecoming Day Held

New Hope Baptist Church celebrated its Homecoming Day last Sunday, September 17, with many former members and friends sharing in the day of activities. Rev. Charles Addington, former pastor of the church from 1955-59, delivered the morning message to approximately 250 people. A special new Building Fund goal for the day had been set for $10,000, and the church received $11,259.00!

Following dinner-on-the-grounds, many stayed for a program of special music at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The day was enjoyed by all as most look forward to the next Homecoming scheduled for the third Sunday in September, 1979.

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by Becky Moore

7th Grader Plans To Be President In Year 2000

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuller and son, John McClure, were seen enjoying a picnic Saturday after having visited the Historical Park and other points of interest in Appomattox. The Fullers have several children, but John is the one most interested in history. When asked what his "hobbies" were, John replied, "Politics." "I am going to be President in the year 2000." John is in the 7th grade. His father says he is very serious in learning all he can. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are both teachers. Mr. Fuller teachs Journalism and English in Collinsville High School, Martinsville, Va. They are originally from Anderson, Indiana. It may be well to remember the name "John McClure."

Academy Students Visit Art Mobile

Mrs. Myrick's class of Robert E. Lee Academy visited the Art Mobile last week. Students on the tour were, front row, left to righ, Bob Hanes, Stella Osborne, Kathi Morris and Robin Branch; and on back row, left to right, Kim Johnson, Phillip Edwards, Liz Pierce, Mary Lee Bryant, and Sandy Morris.

HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Five Appomattox 4-H'ers took part in last Friday's State 4-H Dog Show in Richmond. Dana White, Patty Harris, Charlotte Moore, Dana Cox and Luann Crain exhibited their dogs in the state show. Dana White was top winner in the Senior Costume Class and received a trophy and rosette ribbon. Sixty-three 4-H'ers from across the state took part in the show.

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The Lucky Clover 4-H Club will sponsor a trip to Kings Dominion this Saturday. 4-H'ers will leave Pamplin about 8:00 Saturday morning and return after supper.

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Next week is National 4-H Week - - a time for promotion of the total 4-H program nationwide. A committee from the Appomattox Teen Leaders Club is working on a 4-H news spread for an upcoming edition of the **Times-Virginian**. Be sure to watch for it.

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Adult volunteer leaders are a constant need for a sucessful 4-H program. There are three community clubs in Appomattox County that need 4-H organizational leaders. Please let us know if you're interested in helping.

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Dr. Dennis Hartman, who judged the Five County Fair Dairy Show, has sent us some excellent guidelines on fitting and showing, as well as judging dairy heifers. 4-H'ers with dairy projects may want to ask about these publications.

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Remember that all of last year's projects are due by mid-October. Please work on getting these turned in on time.

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The American Cancer Society's Bike-A-Thon will be Sunday, October 15, beginning at 2 p.m. Pledge sheets are available at school offices, Traveler's Inn Motel and the Extension Office. Make your plans to participate.

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4-H'er of the Week - Kathy Johnson, member of the Appomattox Senior 4-H and newly crowned Miss Appomattox. Congratulations!

Appomattox Mighty Four Four 4-H Club

On September 19 the Appomattox Mighty Four 4-H Club held its first meeting Railroad Day was discussed and the club will be selling country ham biscuits. A new set of officers were elected - President Rhonda Nash, Vice President Elaine Wilson, Secretary Susan Farris, Treasurer Laurie McLean, Reporter, Blair Smith and Historian Michael Nash. The members of the Mighty Four 4-H urge you to join.

Blair Smith, Reporter

PINEY RIDGE CHURCH TO SPONSOR LAWN PARTY

There will be a Lawn Party at Piney Ridge United Methodist Church in Pamplin on September 30th beginning at 5 p.m.

The public is invited to come out for a ham dinner or you can purchase pies, cakes, ice cream, hot dogs and lemonade.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the Church, all proceeds will go toward remodeling the kitchen at the church.

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Lord Chesterfield

"A fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees."
William Blake

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GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

BY SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Apples - An Important Food In Our American Heritage

In grandfathers day, every homestead or plantation had an orchard. Apple seeds came over on the Mayflower and other early ships. The first orchard was planted in 1626 by a settler in Boston on Beacon Hill. The first well known variety of apples, the Roxbury Russet, originated in Roxbury, Massachusetts during the early 1600's. An Old Farmers Almanac advises apple growers that, "The varieties of apples to be grown on the farm need not be great, some 20 or 30 kinds for summer, fall, and winter would probably embrace all that are desirable for family use." Most farmers took this advice to heart and scattered apple trees all over the farm in every nook and corner that was not suitable for growing crops.

Some of the popular older apples included Winesap, Baldwin, Newton Peppin, Maiden Blush, Grimes Golden, York Imperial, Pound Peppin, Rambo, Ben Davis, Sheepsnose, and Smokehouse.

As grandfather carried in pails full of apples all summer, the task fell to grandmother to use them. She stewed, fried, spiced and dried apples to make Brown Betty, cobblers, dumplings, muffins, fritters, etc. on baking days. In the windfalls some were picked up and made into cider or vinegar, which she used in making, among other things, apple relish or pickled crab apples. She canned applesauce and apple conserve. Bushels of the best fall and winter apples were stored in the root cellar for eating during the winter months.

On baking days during the winter, grandmother made deep dish apple pies or the thin, thin ones that were stacked six deep in one plate and stored in a pie safe. Fried apple pies were another favorite made from the dried apples of last summer. Perhaps the all-time favorite was the applesauce cake laddened with raisins, nuts and sometimes plain. Sometimes they were iced with caramel icing. This is a traditonal part of Christmas in some parts of the country.

The discarded apples were peeled and cored, often at an apple peeling. This used to be a social event of the community just as a barn raising, quilting party, or corn shucking was a social event rather than just work. The next morning bright and early came the all-day task of making apple butter. The old brass or iron kettle was set over the fire. Apples were cooked and stirred all day until late afternoon with the apple butter came off the fire. Before the days of canning, the apple butter was stored in crocks. Now, apple butter is made in community canneries or on the kitchen range in our modern kitchens. Whenever one makes apple butter, though, there still comes that sense of accomplishment of putting good food away for the winter months.

We are beginning to receive many calls concerning the uses of apples and which apple to use for what. Many of you grow apples in the backyard or on your farm. Some of you will be travelling to the nearby Virginia mountains to purchase apples. The following information will help you as you purchase or plan to plant trees in your yard or on your farm.

For frying Early Harvest and Yellow Transparent are the best varieties. For baking use Jonathon and Grimes Golden. Delicious applesauce can be made from Maiden Blush, Early Harvest, Yellow Transparent and Winesap apples. Apple butter is delicious when made with Maiden Blush, Northern Spry, Early Harvest and Yellow Transparent apples. Grimes Golden, Golden Delicious and Northern Spy varieties score a plus when made into apple pies. Especially suited for drying are Ben Davis, Northern Spy and Wolf River varieties. Now, for just plain good eating, we find that Golden and Red Delicious, Stamen, Winesap, Grimes Golden and Roman Beauty are special varieties that really taste delicious anytime.

Homemakers, if you have a homemaking question or problem, please call or write the Appomattox County Extension Office. It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Cinnamon Apples

Munching these will keep the kiddies busy - and happy - quite a while! The red candy coating is sparkling clear.

8 crisp, medium apples
8 wooden skewers

4 cups granulated sugar
1½ cups light corn syrup
2 cups water
Dash salt
1¼ teaspoons red food coloring

10 drops oil of cinnamon

Wash and dry the apples; remove stems. Stick skewer into stem end of each apple. Butter sides of heavy saucepan. In saucepan, combine sugar, corn syrup, water, salt and food coloring. Cook, stirring constantly, until sugar dissolves and mixture comes to boiling. Continue cooking, without stirring, until mixture reaches the hard-crack stage (300°).

Remove from heat; quickly stir in the oil of cinnamon. Turn each apple in syrup to coat (tilt pan, so syrup is deep enough to cover). Twirl apple to spread coating evently - let the excess syrup drip back into pan. Set apples on buttered cookie sheet. Chill until firm.

NOTE: If desired, make lollipops to use the remaining syrup. Arrange wooden skewers 4 inches apart on buttered cookie sheet. Drop hot syrup from tip of tablespoon over the skewers to form 2 or 3-inch candy suckers.

Admire Needlepoint

Dr. Helen Whidden, center above, admires the progress made in needlepoint work by two of her pupils, Ethel Evans and Margaret Bragg.

Dr. Whidden, of Lynchburg, taught seven needlepoint lessons during the month of September to 30 Appomattox County homemakers.

Although the classes are over, most of the bell pulls and telephone directory covers are not yet completed. The Extension Homemakers are looking forward to more get-togethers to finish the colorful projects. The classes were most enjoyable.

Katie Martin, Reporter

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Happiness . . . Is a Float In The Appomattox Railroad Festival Parade

Appomattox Primary students happily portray "Charlie Brown" characters as Snoopy joins the group. Many thanks to the students who participated in the float. Special thanks go to the hard-working PTA patrons for time and efforts in building the float: Mrs. Faye Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stubblefield, Mrs. Vickie Canada, Mrs. Sandra Elder, and Mrs. Barbara McLaughlin. Happiness is being a part of an energetic, progressive PTA!!!

REVIVAL PLANNED AT NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

An Old Fashion Revival with old fashion preaching will begin at New Life baptist Church, located on State Road 608 - Piney Mountain Road, October 1 and continue through October 7th. Services will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Evangelist Ed Fulenwider will be guest speaker for the services.

There will be special singing every night. The public is cordially invited to attend. Richard B. Baber is pastor.

Law Enforcement Officers Receive High Praise

When Marge Chamberlain of Spout Spring hurried into King's Market, Triangle Plaza, at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 18, for a bit of shopping she didn't pay too much attention to the people coming and going around her. She did, however, notice two boys, approximately 16 or 17 years of age; they were eating doughnuts just outside the store. After the events of the day were over she remembered that one of the boys seemed to nudge the other one just as she went inside the store.

Quickly making her purchases, Mrs. Chamberlain hurried outside. The boys with the doughnuts were gone and so was her car!

The police were notified promptly; Mrs. Chamberlain was aked to state her license number but she couldn't remember it.

Losing no time, the police called James Ford, her automobile insurance representative, who promptly furnished the necessary information.

In just a short while all the roads leading from Appomattox were under surveillance. Shortly after 9:30 Mrs. Chamberlain was notified that the young men had been apprehended and her car recovered.

"I was so thankful," said Mrs. Chamberlain, "I never thought I would see the car again. The speed and efficiency with which both the local and state police and the Farmville law enforcement officers handled the situation made me realize how very fortunate we are to have such dedicated men."

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"BIRD'S EYE VIEW" - The three boys in the tree found a perfect place to view the parade Saturday, the first thing on the agenda of the 6th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival held last week end.

Mrs. Lee Is State Winner

Mrs. Tilden Lee, a charter member of the Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club, Appomattox, for 42 years, entered seven exhibits at the State Fair of Virginia now in progress in Richmond until Sunday, October 1.

She won seven ribbons - four blues, two red and one white ribbon.

For her entry this year in the doll division, Mrs. Lee dressed a doll in Civil War costume. The six-piece green cotton costume and worksmanship won a blue ribbon.

She also entered a doll in the senior division in Colonial costume, winning a blue ribbon. Her Civil War period "slat bonnet" won a blue ribbon; a blue ribbon was won on canned corn.

Red ribbons were won on canned black-eyed peas and cherries; a white ribbon was won on canned pears.

Mrs. Lee, a veteran competitor, has been exhibiting at Virginia State Fair and Five-County Fair for the past 22 years.

She recently won 24 ribbons and a trophy at the Five County Fair in Farmville.

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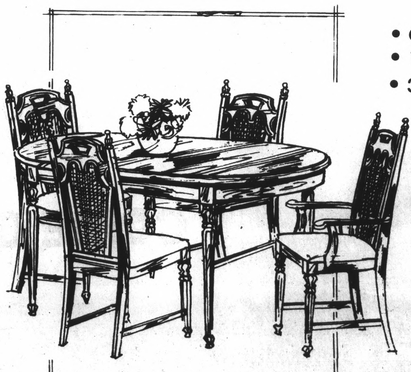

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